

CLAIMS

1. A container comprising:

5 a container main body having a roof plate and a left/right pair of side wall plates;

a bottom plate; and

a front door and a rear door which open and close a front end portion and a rear end portion of said container main body,

characterized in that said container main body is relatively displaceable with

10 respect to said bottom plate from a neutral reference position, in which said bottom plate is aligned with said container main body, between a front portion exposed position, in which a front portion of said bottom plate is exposed from said container main body, and a rear portion exposed position, in which a rear portion of said bottom plate is exposed from said container main body.

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2. The container according to claim 1, characterized in that said container main body is displaceable from said neutral position between said front portion exposed position and said rear portion exposed position.

20 3. The container according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that each of said pair of side wall plates comprises an upper portion side wall plate and a lower portion side wall plate rotatably connected at a rotating portion,

each of said upper portion side wall plates is rotatable about said roof plate,

each of said lower portion side wall plates is rotatable about said bottom plate,

25 said container main body is displaceable between a base state, in which each of said side wall plates is substantially vertical and said roof plate is separated from said bottom

plate, and a folded state, in which each of said side wall plates is folded inward at said rotating portion such that said roof plate moves close to said bottom plate, and

said front door and said rear door are displaceable between a base state, in which said front door and said rear door are substantially vertical and close said front end portion and

5 said rear end portion of said container main body, and a folded state, in which said front door and said rear door overlap said bottom plate and/or said roof plate.

4. The container according to any of claims 1 through 3, characterized in that said front door and/or said rear door is/are rotatably connected to said front end portion and/or said

10 rear end portion of said bottom plate portion, and

said front door and/or said rear door is/are also displaceable between a base state, in which said front door and/or said rear door is/are substantially vertical and closes said front end portion and said rear end portion of said container main body, and an insertion/removal state, in which said front door and/or said rear door connect(s) said front end portion and/or said rear

15 end portion of said bottom plate with a loading surface that is exterior to said bottom plate, on which surface cargo is supported.

5. The container according to any of claims 1 through 4, characterized in that said container houses an automobile as said cargo, and

20 characterized in further comprising:

a flexible fixing member having a pair of circumferential-direction linear members which are flexible, have a linear shape, and correspond to a circumferential direction of a tire of said automobile, and a width-direction linear member which is flexible, has a linear shape, connects said pair of circumferential-direction linear members, and corresponds to a

25 width direction of said tire; and

a first fixing portion and a second fixing portion provided in relation to said bottom plate, a part of said circumferential-direction linear member on one side of a part which is disposed along at least an upper end portion of said tire being fixed to said first fixing portion, and a part of said circumferential-direction linear member on the other side of said part disposed 5 along at least said upper end portion of said tire being fixed to said second fixing portion.

6. The container according to claim 5, characterized in that a position of said first fixing portion and said second fixing portion in said front-rear direction of said bottom plate is selectable.

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7. The container according to claim 5 or claim 6, characterized by further comprising a tensioning member which tensions a part of said circumferential-direction linear member located between said part fixed to said first fixing member and said part fixed to said second fixing member in a direction towards said bottom plate.

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8. The container according to any of claims 5 through 7, characterized by further comprising a wedge-shaped member disposed at a front side or a rear side of a contact portion of said tire which contacts said bottom plate.